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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for  
Administration

FROM: Herbert E. Hetu  
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SUBJECT: ABC News Request

1. We have a proposal from ABC News (Ted Koppel) to do a clip of about two minutes regarding our handling of FOIA requests, the pressures involved, the cost, etc. The item would be for an evening news show.

2. ABC would like to do a few outside shots at the main entrance, a few in the main lobby, and the rest in the offices where the FOIA work is being done. Included would be an interview with Gene Wilson or a representative of his office.

3. While such an item would no doubt produce the inevitable increase in FOIA requests from citizens, this would be a good opportunity to point up some of the lesser-known aspects-- particularly the cost to the taxpayer.

4. I suggest that the offices concerned (DDA, IPS, OS, DCI/PA) designate representatives who could meet at the earliest opportunity to discuss the possibilities of cooperation with ABC.

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